A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE ENGLISH NATION.

Tuesday, December 24. 1706.

MY laſt made a courſe Compariſon about the Union, I mean a Diſcourſe of Partnerſhip; I allow, the Union is rather a Contract of Marriage, than a Partnerſhip, and the Allegory may be a little lame there; but with Reſpect to the Gentlemen, that are of differing Opinion in both Nations, I am willing to give all poſſible Latitude, and therefore I'll ſuppoſe the Alluſion to be juſt ——

The Treaty of Union between the two Nations is of mutual Incorporation, Coalition and Conjunction, which is a Communication of Privileges, Advantages, &c. The true Meaning is, not that one ſhould be Slaves to the other; ſhould *England* under the Shelter of the Majority of Voices attempt the enſlaving *Scotland*, and aſſault the Articles of Stipulation, invade the Treaty, and break in upon the Conditions by Violence: The Conſequence is plain, the Partnerſhip is broke, the Union is diſſolv'd of Courſe, and the Invaders become Tyrants and Oppreſſors.

To argue then, that it is poſſible, is not to the Purpoſe, I have ſpoken to it already in the laſt Eſſay, and it needs not to be repeated; The Queſtion is, whether it can be legally done?

As to the Arguments brought to prove it probable, that *England* ſhould impoſe upon *Scotland*; what I have hitherto ſeen are very ſtrange ones, and ſuch as I am loth to repeat; they are ſo unſuitable to two Siſter Nations treating of Union, that I really wonder at the Gentlemen that publiſh them.

Such as, 1. That *England* will be bound by no Conditions.

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2. That the Parliament of *Britain* will ſubject *Scotland* without any Regard to the Treaty.

3. That two eſtabliſh'd Churches are inconſiſtent.

4. That *England* is a Nation too wicked to joyn with, and that the *Scots* will take upon them the Guilt of our National Crimes.

5. That if they agree to Equivalents, we ſhall cheat them, for we will never pay them the Money . . . and the like.

To ſupport theſe moſt abominable Practices, they advance horrid Forgeries, plain and eaſie to be contradicted.

For Example, Mr. *H—s*, *p.* 60. affirms, " That the Sacramental Teſt is that, where- " by all People are to qualifie themſelves, " to make them capable to be Members of " Parliament according to the Law of *Eng-* " *land*.

And to exaggerate this, he goes on, " This Law ſo remaining unalter'd, the " firſt thing, the *Scots* Members are pre- " ſented with at their coming up to their " new Parliament, is the Sacramental Teſt. " If they take it, *ſays he*, what becomes " of the Kirk of *Scotland*? if they refuſe it, " who muſt ſupply their Places?

Had the Gentleman wrote this in *Scotland*, where he might have wanted Information either from Men or Books, he might have made ſome tollerable Excuſe for thus impoſing upon the World, and a Man would have been apt to have paſs'd it over lightly: But to write this at *London*, and pretend to be acquainted there; to pretend to give Characters of the Place, the People and their Sins, and yet fall into a Sin, few there but himſelf would be guilty of— What ſhall I ſay for ſuch a Man? —'Tis an ungrateful Office to be always raking in the *Lay-Stalls* of Men's Extravagancies, and I do not love the Employment, but who can help deteſting a thing, when he tells a Tale, a Man may feel with his Foot, and bring ſuch open Falſities upon the Stage of the World, that the Children in the very Street can contradict?

To ſay, the Members of Parliament take the Teſt, is all one as to ſay, the Tide flows into *Cheapſide*, or a Fleet of Ships ſail'd over *New market* Downs; 'tis what was never heard of in *England*; and to ſay that ſuch a thing has been printed and publiſhed in *Scotland*, is, what I believe, many People will hardly give Credit to.

On the other hand, 'tis horribly treating *Scotland* her ſelf, and impoſing upon the Gentlemen there, in a Manner they ought to take very ill.

This now is one of the Forgeries impos'd upon *Scotland* by the Enemies of her Tranquillity; and a certain Demonſtration, that they ſuffer a Famine of Argument, and are forc'd to have Recourſe to a Refuge, no Man of Honour can bear the Thought of.

Then, Gentlemen, you muſt not unite with us, for we are a wicked notorious People, *Sodom* was a Fool to us, and GOD will plague you for our National Sins.

This is a horrid blaſphemous Suggeſtion upon the Divine immutable Juſtice, as well as an unaccountable Reflection upon *Us*; and this, as it is extravagant in it ſelf, I beg the Reader to take Notice, how unhappily, I mean as to his own Reputation, the Author has founded his Argument here.

1. He believes it, becauſe he heard a Godly Man confeſs it in his Prayer.

2. He ſaw a dreadful Recapitulation of it in a Thankſgiving Sermon.

3. The Society for Reformation of Manners have made no Manner of ſenſible Alteration in *England*.

As to what a Miniſter, in his Warmth of Confeſſion about National Crimes, might ſay, 'tis but a ſorry Foundation as to Argument: But I'll lay it more fairly down, and I'll confeſs for *England*, that we are a ſinful Nation, and perhaps there are greater Sins here, than in *Scotland*. *I'll grant it*, whether 'tis ſo or no; I believe, both have yet Cauſe enough to lay by the *Phariſaical* Method *of ſtand off, I am more Holy than Thou*, and apply our ſelves to a General, National and Perſonal Reformation.

I am very ſorry to enter into this Sort of Obſervation, and a Compariſon of Nations, is, what I ſhall avoid with all poſſible Diligence: I know no Caſe in the World, in which our *Engliſh* Proverb, *that Compariſons are odious*, is more verified than in this— The Nations are not emulating but uniting; they are not examining who are beſt, but

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putting themſelves in the Poſture of being one beſt, and raiſing the Glory of *Britain* above all the Nations of *Europe*; of which, its Conſequences and Circumſtances are refer'd to a farther Opportunity.

MISCELLANEA.

THE laſt Part of this *Miſcellanea* was employ'd in my Obſervations, on the Contrivance of a Party in *Scotland*, to draw in the poor innocent but raſh People there to raiſe Tumults, and take Arms in that Kingdom, againſt not the Government only, but againſt their own Friends, and their own Happineſs.

I ſay their own Happineſs, as 'tis plain, the Treaty now on Foot is their Happineſs, both National as a People, and eſpecially Religious as a *Presbyterian* Church; and yet as it often happens, that God Almighty ſuffers the People to ſhut their Eyes, even to his own Providences for their Good, at leaſt for Seaſon, and generally for their Puniſhment; ſo here theſe poor People are prevail'd upon *by a wicked, perverſe and abominable Party*, to commit a thouſand Inſolences in the Face of the Sun againſt the Government, and againſt ſuch a Government, as *Scotland* never before enjoy'd.

The Temper, Moderation and Affection to the publick God, which plainly appears in the Government in *Scotland*, is ſo ſuited to, and ſo exactly the Pattern of Her Majeſty's Tenderneſs for all her People, that without flattering any body, I muſt own—The Miniſtry act there like true Fathers of their Country; and ſhow, that they purſue not Her Majeſty's Commands and Examples only, but their own Inclination—They pity the poor unhappy Wretches, that are deluded into Broils and Tumults; while they inſult the Government, they are treated with Gentleneſs; reprov'd, but not corrected; perſwaded, not forc'd; drawn, not driven; and the Whips and Scorpions of the Government wholly laid by.

That a Party there endeavours to perſwade ſome, that this is for Fear of the People, I make no Queſtion, and without doubt the Miniſters of State run ſome Riſque for theſe things, but theſe innumerable Threats, private Letters about ſtabbing, piſtoling, and Aſſaſſination, open Inſults in the Street, in paſſing and re-paſſing to Parliament, and much more I could name, have not yet been able, *not only not to deter his Grace the High-Commiſſioner from his Duty as Governour*, for that I am not upon; but theſe things have not been able to move him from acting with Tenderneſs and Gentleneſs, to an inſolent but deluded People.

His Grace ſees thro' the Artifices that have impos'd upon them, and while at the ſame time he purſues ſeriouſly their Good, oppoſes vigorouſly their Enemies, he bears the Affronts of their Hands and Tongues, with a Compaſſion for their Perſons, a Regard to their Proſperity, and a Contempt of their Power.

I repeat this, not as a Juſtice, the Character of the Perſons, and an Honour to the Wiſdom of Her Majeſty in chooſing ſuch Perſons, as truly and from meer Principle are quallify'd to repreſent her own Clemency and Goodneſs; but to do Juſtice alſo to Truth, and the preſent Affair of the Union.

Nothing can be more ſcandalous, than to ſay, the Union is carry'd on with a high Hand; that 'tis cram'd down the Throats of the People, that they are aw'd by Guards, inſulted by Power, and have not Freedom of Speech.

Were all the Freedoms of Speech, that the Oppoſers of it have taken, made publick; *and if the Author of this lives to write a Hiſtory of this Union, as he deſigns, perhaps they may, or at leaſt ſome of them*; I ſay, were the Freedoms of Speech, the Reproaches, the ſcandalous Pamphlets univerſally ſpread over the Country, the unſufferable Inſults of his Grace the High Commiſſioner even to his Face, the Flouts,

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the Jeers, the Charges of Bribery and Partiality, tho' altogether unprov'd, 'twould make the Suggestion of Force and Power most abominably black, 'twould make the Authors of it blush, and above all their Arguments against it, it would move unavoidable Laughter in all considering People, if a thing so serious can be laugh'd at.

To have Men argue, that the *Scots* trade to all Parts of the World to their Advantage, but to *England*; that they can better be without *England*, than *England* can be without them, and then resolve all their Hopes into Leagues with *France*, and Assistance from a Prince that is now begging Peace at the QUEEN of *England*'s Door; these things are so ridiculous, and yet the Heat they are offer'd with so provoking, that indeed the Temper and Moderation of the Ministry and Government in *Scotland* cannot but be acknowledg'd by all the World, and I doubt not, will at last, *when their Eyes are opened*, be own'd by the very People, that now make so wicked an Improvement of it.

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I could fill a large Hiſtory of the Progreſs of this Society, and of the perpetual Methods they take, both with Poor and Rich, to diſcountenance all Kinds of Vice, and how really it does diſcountenance it, to the Honour of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Glory of the *Engliſh* Nation in particular; but this is enough *to deteſt a Slanderer.*

I might ſearch the Hiſtory, and ſhew; that when King *Charles* propos'd this very Union in the Year 1669, the Duke of *Lauderdale* in his Speech, told the Parliament of *Scotland*, " That the King had now of-
" fer'd them a Treaty; and in deſcribing
" what Kind of Treaty it was, he tells
" them, that the many Meetings on former
" Treaties produc'd no Effect, unleſs it
" were a Conviction of the Difficulty, if
" not Impoſſibility of ſetting it many other
" Way, than by a nearer and compleat U-
" nion of the two Kingdoms, *Hiſtory of*
" *England*, Vol. 3. Folio 275, 276.

I am ſorry to ſee ſuch a General Rumage made, for Reaſons why the Union ſhould not be made: But I confeſs, I am glad to ſee the Objectors driven to *ſuch Shifts for Arguments*, that they muſt make Uſe of Forgery, Falſity, Slander and Reproach———I am ſure, theſe things will go but a little Way with wiſe Men. The Nature of a Falſity is to expoſe it ſelf, and at laſt its Author, and always leaves the Cauſe, *'tis brought to defend*, worſe than it found it.

It remains to enquire——What are the ſeveral Intereſts that preſs this Union? And where had the firſt Thought its Birth, who are they that ſeek it, and for what Deſign? Becauſe 'tis alledg'd, that it is propos'd by no body that are Friends to *Scotland.*

But I ſhall go no further back for it than King *William*, and here I ſhall obſerve; *England* never propos'd it to the *Scots*, but when ſhe her ſelf was under the beſt, the wiſeſt, and the moſt Chriſtian Conduct that ever ſhe was in, as in the Days of King *Edward* VI. and King *William*; whenever ſhe had been under the Eruption of Popery and Tyranny, we never inclin'd to unite with *Scotland*; but whenever Love, Charity and Moderation prevail'd, we have always inclin'd to Peace and Coallition.

I doubt, thoſe Gentlemen, who charge this as a Plot in *England* to devour *Scotland*, forget, that in the Revolution the Eſtates of *Scotland* were the firſt and earneſt Movers of the very Manner of the Union, as now treated of; thoſe very Gentlemen, that under the Influence of that Glorious Head King *William*, were the firſt that deſcended to deſcribe, what Sort of Union was beſt for the Nation of *Scotland*, (his Majeſty having in his firſt Letter mention'd it in general) and tell the King, they ſhould be glad of an Union, provided it were ſo and ſo?

And I cannot but look back to this Circumſtance, to open the Eyes of ſome Gentlemen, who are forward to ſay, it was never propos'd by thoſe that wiſh'd well to *Scotland.*

King *William* was the firſt Propoſer of it, in our Time, and that in his very firſt Letter of the Eſtates to his Majeſty, *then not receiv'd King of Scotland*, declares an Union to be one of the beſt Means *for ſecuring the Happineſs of both Nations, and ſetling a laſting Peace.* Act of Parliament of *Scotland*, Folio

Folio 7. and in their second Letter, when the Crown of *Scotland* was offer'd to King *William*, the Estates have this Expression.

" We are most sensible of your Majesty's " Kindness and Fatherly Care in promo- " ting the Union, which we hope has been " reserv'd to be accomplish'd by you; that " as both Kingdoms are united in one Head " and Soveraign, so they may become one " Body Politick, one Nation, to be repre- " sented in one Parliament. And to testi- " fie our Readiness to comply with your " Majesty in this Matter, we have nomi- " nated Commissioners, &c. And if any " Difficulty shall arise in the Treaty, we " do upon our Part refer the Determination " thereof to your Majesty. *Ibid. Folio* 3. With what Face can these Men call this a Contrivance of the Enemies of *Scotland*? I am perswaded the Author is a greater Enemy to *Scotland*, and *England* too in this Particular, than any of those noble Patriots of their Country were, who at the Revolution made that Offer.

MISCELLANEA.

IF any Man quarrels at the Freedom, I take in the last *Miscellanea*, in my Discourse of the present Government of *Scotland*, let them know, that I have nothing to ask Pardon for; but that I have not enter'd into all the Particulars and Circumstances, in which the Government and the Ministry there have been ill treated, provok'd Her Majesty in the Person of his Grace, the High-Commissioner insulted and reflected on, and all the Methods of the Party, both within Doors and without, made use of, if possible, to move them to that Rigour, which other People of less Temper both wish for, and in like Cases would have practis'd.

Now should I expose all these Particulars, *at least at this Time*, while I seem to be making a Panegyrick on the Ministry there, I should make a Satyr upon my self; as not endow'd with a just Proportion in my Sphere of the same Moderation, for which I applaud them; on the other hand, I should build with one hand, and pull down with another; while I expos'd the Follies of those Gentlemen, which his Grace the High Commissioner covers with the Mantle of Courtesie, and which he rather seeks to win by Patience, than prosecute with Rigour.

I am perswaded, those People in *Scotland*, as I have noted already, when their Eyes are uncover'd, will see how gently they have been us'd, and the Regret they will have at their treating the Government so rudely, will be the stronger; since no Repentance is so sincere, nor Grief so great, as that which is built on a Sence of Kindness.

But let no Man make this ill Use of it, which I find already begun in *England*, that all this is the Effect of Weakness and Fear——— Such establish my Opinion of their Ignorance in the Affairs of *Britain*, allow the Forces in *Scotland* weak, their Treasury low, their Power to encrease them small and smaller, than really it is——— Pray, Gentlemen, who is Queen of *Scotland*? Is not their Queen the greatest Princess in the World? ———And what then say these People, the Queen, *as Queen of England*, cannot bring Forreign Troops upon us; that would be breaking the Claim of Right, forcing the Union, Invasion, Tyranny, and I know not what.

Well, Gentlemen, suppose that true, but the Queen, *as Queen of Scotland*, and the Parliament of *Scotland* in Conjunction with their Queen, if oppress'd by Tumult, Rabble and Rebellion against Law and Government, may crave Aid of any of her Neighbours to assist her in doing Right, and supporting her just Government in its legal Execution.

For the Distinction lies here, Subjects may, all LEGAL REMEDIES failing, *mark that*, take Arms, and call for forreign Aid, even against their Rulers——— *è contra*. Princes, and much more Prince and People, for such is Queen and Parliament, may call for

for Aid from their Neighbours to support the Being and *Legal Administration*, mark that also, *of their Government*——— And the whole Turn of this depends upon the Difference between Legal Government and Illegal Oppressions; a Prince governing by a Parliament, and by Laws, cannot be an Oppressor.

Let any Man therefore be so vain to think, Her Majesty will not take the Parliament of *Scotland*, and her faithful Subjects there, while acting according to Law and Justice, into her Protection, and defend them against all the World——— If any Men or Parties are so weak, to conclude otherwise, they will find their Mistakes, I wish for their own Sakes, they may not find it too late.

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